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In re Application of:)	
	:	Examiner: T. Ho
AKIRA SUGA, ET AL.)	
	:	Group Art Unit: 2615
Application No.: 09/785,249)	
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Filed: February 20, 2001)	
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For: VIDEO SYSTEM)	September 20, 2004

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

LETTER RESPONDING TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Sir:

Applicants respectfully request that the outstanding Restriction Requirement be withdrawn, and that a new office action on the merits be issued in the subject application.

REMARKS

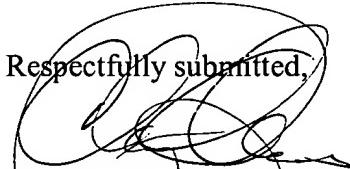
On February 20, 2001, Applicants filed the subject application, together with a Preliminary Amendment cancelling Claims 2 to 69; on March 19, 2001, Applicants filed a Supplemental Preliminary Amendment cancelling Claim 1 in favor of newly presented Claims 70 to 83. Claims 70 to 83 now are pending.

Applicants are in receipt of an Official Action dated August 19, 2004, entering a Restriction Requirement in connection with the subject application. The Restriction Requirement refers to Claims 1 to 69.

In a telephone communication on or about September 3, 2004, Applicants' attorney contacted the Examiner and noted the apparent error. The Examiner advised Applicants' attorney that the Supplemental Preliminary Amendment had not yet been entered, and that the Examiner would recall the application for further action. In a follow-up telephone communication on September 16, 2004, the Examiner advised Applicants' attorney that an Interview Summary Record had been mailed September 15, 2004, confirming the substance of the September 3, 2004 telephone communication and indicating that no further response to the Restriction Requirement was required by Applicants. However, Applicants have not received any further official communication in this matter.

Applicants submit that the outstanding Restriction Requirement in the subject application 10/745,570 is erroneous, and respectfully request that the Restriction Requirement be withdrawn, and that a new office action on the merits of pending Claims 70 to 83 be issued at the Examiner's earliest convenience.

Applicants' undersigned attorney may be reached in our Washington, D.C. office by telephone at (202) 530-1010. All correspondence should continue to be directed to our address listed below.

Respectfully submitted,

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